GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:576
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EXPORT IMPORT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tobacco and tobacco products imported and exported during each of the last three years ;

(b) the countries from which these products have been imported and to which exported ;

(c) whether there is a sharp increase in the import of these products during the last three years ;

(d) if so, whether the tobacco growers all over the country are protesting against the import of tobacco : and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) to e) A statement is laid on the Table of House.

Statement referred to in respect of Parts(a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 576by Shri G. Putta Swamy Gowda,due for reply on 5th May, 2000 regarding Export / Import of Tobacco Products .

a) & b) : The quantity of tobacco and tobacco products imported and exported during each of the last three years are as follows :-

Year	Import Quantity (in tons)	Export Quantity (in tons)
1996-97	720	116,910
1997-98	397	144,697
1998-99	2839	91,123
1999-2000	Not Available	109,730

(Source : DGCI & S)

The country-wise details of import and export of manufactured and unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco products are available in the monthly/annual number of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), the copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

c) There was a spurt in import of tobacco during 1998-99.

d) No, Sir.

e) Does not arise.